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How Much Does it Cost to Rent a Porta-Potty?

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They're a familiar sight in construction zones, but porta-potties have many more uses than that. If you're planning any large outdoor event – from a

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Many factors influence the rental rates for portable restrooms, and features vary from company to company. We can't guarantee the price you'll be quoted, but here's a look at typical costs (plus tips for saving money) when renting portable toilets across the country.

Portable Toilet Rental Rates

Several things combine to determine the rental price of a porta-potty, like location, availability, type of rental company, crowd size, length of the event, maintenance, permitting, and fees. You'll need to discuss your specifics with a supplier before you can establish an exact price. Below you'll find details on each factor, so you can see how they affect your final charge.

The majority of the expense in porta-potty rental is in the delivery, setup, and haul-off service. Because of this, renting a portable toilet for a month doesn't cost much more than a short-term rental for a week. For both standard portable toilets and ADA-compliant, wheelchair-accessible restrooms, the difference between the rates for weekly and monthly rentals (on national average)

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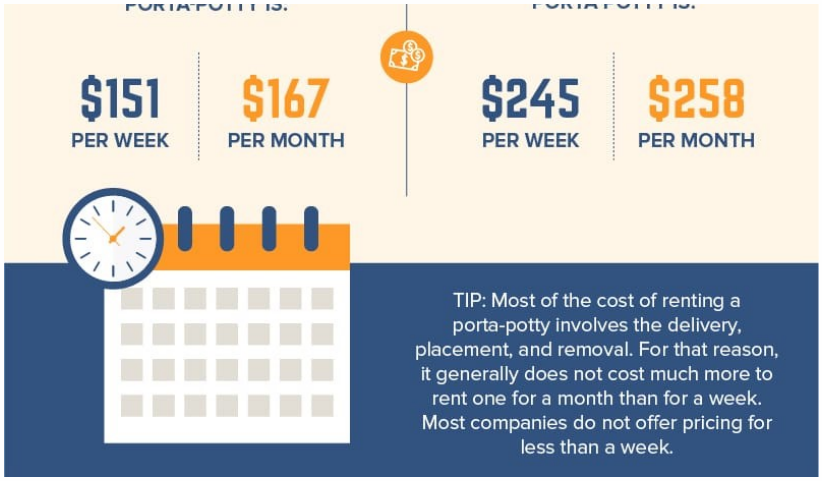
$151
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PER MONTH
$245
PER WEEK
$258
PER MONTH
TIP: Most of the cost of renting a porta-potty involves the delivery, placement, and removal. For that reason, it generally does not cost much more to rent one for a month than for a week. Most companies do not offer pricing for less than a week.

Porta-Potty Rental Near Me

Although average prices of a portable toilet rental vary by geographical area, the prices listed below represent the average rates for each city or town.

A standard porta-potty is like an old-fashioned outhouse with no power or water. Handicapped-accessible porta-potties have similar features but also a ramped entrance, wider doors and cabins with space for a wheelchair, plus grab bars that meet ADA guidelines. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires enough compliant restrooms at each porta-potty location to serve up to 5% of an event's capacity.

Average porta-potty rental rates in selected cities

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		Potty	(non-flushing)	Potty	(non-flushing)
Alabama	Birmingham	$145	$240	$145	$240
Alabama	Mobile	$180	$310	$274	$310
Alaska	Anchorage	$120	–	$120	–
Alaska	Wasilla	$198	$330	$198	$330
Arizona	Mesa	$209	$295	$209	$295
Arkansas	Little Rock	$75	$159	$134	$125
Arkansas	Conway	$204	$310	$204	$310
California	Oakland	$186	$313	$186	$313
California	Sacramento	$75	$100	$75	$100
Colorado	Boulder	$204	$310	$204	$310
Connecticut	New Haven	$210	$361	$210	$361
Connecticut	Stamford	$120	$245	$165	$290
Connecticut	Bridgeport	$165	$270	$180	$283
Delaware	Bear	$194	$310	$194	$310
Delaware	Wilmington	$194	$310	$194	$310
Florida	Fort Lauderdale	$204	$310	$204	$310
Florida	Miami	$198	$330	$198	$330
Georgia	Atlanta	$175	$225	$275	$295
Georgia	Macon	$149	$265	$149	$265
Georgia	Savannah	$198	$330	$198	$330
Hawaii	Honolulu	$204	$310	$204	$310
Hawaii	Kailua	$188	$330	$188	$330
Hawaii	Waialua	$204	$310	$204	$310
Idaho	Boise	$185	$257	$193	$273
Idaho	Idaho Falls	$131	$217	$136	$227
Idaho	Nampa	$185	$290	$185	$290

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Kansas	Kansas City	$118	$200	$118	$200
Kansas	Wichita	$85	–	$85	–
Kentucky	Lexington	$75	$200	$200	$350
Kentucky	Louisville	$100	$137	$100	$137
Kentucky	Paducah	$112	$181	$163	$241
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	$198	$330	$198	$330
Louisiana	New Orleans	$178	$330	$178	$330
Maine	Portland	$135	$160	$95	$125
Maryland	Annapolis	$155	$257	$155	$257
Maryland	Baltimore	$135	$219	$155	$219
Massachusetts	Boston	$173	$275	$173	$275
Massachusetts	Springfield	$178	$330	$178	$330
Michigan	Ann Arbor	$130	–	$128	–
Michigan	Grand Rapids	$75	$150	$95	$178
Minnesota	Duluth	$118	$150	$173	$200
Minnesota	Minneapolis	$150	$245	$150	$245
Minnesota	St. Paul	–	–	$125	$175
Mississippi	Gulfport	–	–	$60	$95
Mississippi	Jackson	$50	$100	$75	$150
Missouri	Kansas City	$118	$200	$118	$200
Missouri	Springfield	$178	$330	$178	$330
Missouri	St. Louis	–	–	$120	$220
Montana	Bozeman	$110	$211	$137	$265
Nebraska	Grand Island	–	–	$200	$350
Nebraska	Lincoln	$100	$245	$100	$245
Nebraska	Omaha	$90	$125	$90	$125
Nevada	Henderson	–	–	$200	$350

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New Mexico	Albuquerque	$85	$150	$225	$290
New Mexico	Placitas	$85	$150	$85	$150
New York	Albany	$125	$195	$125	$195
North Carolina	Durham	$199	–	$199	–
North Carolina	Raleigh	$107	$145	$107	$145
North Dakota	Fargo	$88	$165	$95	$165
North Dakota	Williston	$210	$290	$210	$290
Ohio	Cincinnati	$38	–	$150	–
Ohio	Columbus	$90	$185	$100	$195
Oklahoma	Norman	$178	$330	$178	$330
Oklahoma	Tulsa	$455	$700	$200	$350
Oregon	Portland	$135	$160	$95	$125
Oregon	Salem	$225	$360	$225	$360
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	$179	$273	$179	$273
Rhode Island	Newport	$125	$300	$163	$325
South Carolina	Charleston	$126	$212	$126	$212
South Carolina	Columbia	$80	$148	$80	$148
South Carolina	Greenville	$91	$161	$91	$161
South Dakota	Rapid City	–	–	$200	$350
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	$125	$200	$456	$700
Tennessee	Chattanooga	$76	$138	$76	$138
Tennessee	Knoxville	$84	$125	$84	$125
Tennessee	Nashville	$133	$200	$133	$200
Texas	Austin	$135	$350	$420	$350
Texas	Dallas	$244	$325	$244	$325
Texas	Houston	$135	–	$135	–
Utah	Provo	$210	$280	$210	$280
Vermont	Brattleboro	$129	$200	$165	$275
Vermont	Burlington	$165	$220	$165	$220

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Washington	Vancouver	$170	$185	$195	$245
West Virginia	Charleston	$126	$212	$126	$212
West Virginia	Parkersburg	$75	$200	$200	–
Wisconsin	Green Bay	$114	$208	$114	$208
Wisconsin	Madison	$125	$175	$125	$175
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	$175	–	$175	–
Wyoming	Casper	$194	$310	$194	$310
Wyoming	Cheyenne	$178	$330	$178	$330
Wyoming	Gillette	$210	$290	$210	$290

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Renting Deluxe Porta-Potties: A look at some fancier options

If your special event calls for facilities that are more posh than the basic porta-john, several VIP options are available.

A hand sanitizer setup – or a full handwashing station with sink, soap, and paper towels – can be added to standard portable restrooms. The next step up, a deluxe restroom with a flushing toilet, includes a urinal, counter, sink with running water, and related amenities. Even more luxurious is a restroom trailer with multiple private stalls and flushing toilets, plus AC, lights, mirrors, and sinks

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rises a bit with each level of luxury.

Deluxe flushing portable toilet rental rates in select cities

State	City	Weekly	Monthly
Alabama	Birmingham	$227	$330
Alabama	Mobile	$252	$390
Alaska	Anchorage	$310	$550
Alaska	Wasilla	$330	$330
Arizona	Mesa	$450	$450
Arkansas	Little Rock	$175	$175
Arkansas	Conway	$330	$330
California	Oakland	$225	$225
Colorado	Boulder	$330	$330
Connecticut	New Haven	$355	$355
Delaware	Wilmington	$330	$330
Florida	Fort Lauderdale	$330	$330
Florida	Miami	$330	$330
Georgia	Macon	$330	$330
Georgia	Savannah	$330	$330
Hawaii	Honolulu	$330	$330
Hawaii	Kailua	$330	$330

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Illinois	Peoria	$330	$330
Indiana	Fort Wayne	$252	$303
Indiana	South Bend	$265	$265
Kentucky	Lexington	$100	$250
Kentucky	Louisville	$185	$185
Kentucky	Paducah	$215	$290
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	$330	$330
Maryland	Annapolis	$257	$257
Maryland	Baltimore	$231	$244
Massachusetts	Boston	$295	$295
Michigan	Grand Rapids	–	$235
Minnesota	Duluth	$175	$325
Minnesota	Minneapolis	$288	$288
Missouri	St. Louis	–	$285
Montana	Bozeman	$168	$244
New Hampshire	Concord	$180	$180
New Jersey	Newark	$175	$375
New Mexico	Albuquerque	$185	$325
North Carolina	Durham	$335	$335
North Carolina	Raleigh	$335	$335
Ohio	Columbus	$185	$205
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	$630	–
Oregon	Salem	$330	$330
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	$241	$241
Rhode Island	Newport	$350	$350
South Carolina	Columbia	$230	$230
South Carolina	Greenville	$199	$199
South Dakota	Rapid City	–	$250
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	$300	$1,100

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Virginia	Virginia Beach	$257	$257
Washington	Seattle	$250	$250
Washington	Vancouver	$328	$470
West Virginia	Parkersburg	$700	$250
Wisconsin	Green Bay	$198	$198
Wisconsin	Madison	$850	$3,400

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Renting a Portable Restroom Trailer

A restroom trailer usually contains private stalls and flushing toilets, plus heat or AC, lights, mirrors, coat hooks, counters, soap, paper towels, and sinks with hot and cold running water.

Average cost to rent a portable restroom trailer with 2 stalls

State	City	Weekly	Monthly
Alabama	Birmingham	$1,375	$1,250

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Idaho	Idaho Falls	$800	$3,000
Idaho	Nampa	$785	$2,155
Illinois	Chicago	$395	$1,698
Illinois	Naperville	$823	$1,023
Indiana	Fort Wayne	$395	$795
Indiana	South Bend	$900	$3,600
Kansas	Wichita	$500	$500
Louisiana	New Orleans	$1,725	$6,900
Maine	Portland	$950	$3,800
Massachusetts	Boston	$1,650	$1,650
Massachusetts	Springfield	$1,725	$6,900
Michigan	Detroit	$875	$2,075
Minnesota	Duluth	$525	$1,200
Minnesota	Minneapolis	$4,200	$4,200
Minnesota	Saint Paul	$1,025	$4,100
Mississippi	Jackson	–	$2,800
Missouri	Springfield	$1,725	$6,900
Nebraska	Grand Island	$1,050	$3,800
Nebraska	Lincoln	$1,150	–
Nebraska	Omaha	$1,050	$3,800
Nevada	Las Vegas	$885	$2,740
Nevada	Reno	$920	$3,280
New Jersey	Newark	$750	$2,750
New Mexico	Albuquerque	$750	$2,200
New Mexico	Placitas	$500	$500
Ohio	Columbus	$900	$1,050
Oklahoma	Norman	$1,725	$6,900
Oregon	Portland	$950	$3,800
Rhode Island	Newport	$1,250	$4,000

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Tennessee	Nashville	$1,223	$2,723
Texas	Austin	$2,925	$3,975
Utah	Salt Lake City	$1,425	$2,425
Vermont	Brattleboro	–	$2,500
Vermont	Burlington	$2,218	$2,100
Vermont	Websterville	–	$2,500
Washington	Seattle	$2,043	$2,043
Washington	Tacoma	$335	$335
Washington	Vancouver	$815	$1,033
West Virginia	Charleston	$1,725	$6,900
Wisconsin	Madison	$400	$800
Wyoming	Casper	$1,725	$6,900
Wyoming	Cheyenne	$1,725	$6,900

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Renting Portable Handwashing Stations

Cleanliness and disinfection are considerations at the top of everyone's mind in 2020, and that likely won't go away when in-person events become the norm again. You can plan accordingly by providing handwashing or hand sanitizer stations near all restroom areas.

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Average cost to rent a handwashing station

State	City	Weekly	Monthly
Alabama	Birmingham	$171	$171
Alabama	Mobile	$299	$248
Alaska	Anchorage	$60	–
Alaska	Wasilla	$223	$248
Arizona	Mesa	$125	–
Arkansas	Little Rock	$171	$150
Arkansas	Conway	$229	$248
California	Oakland	$200	$213
California	Sacramento	$100	$125
Colorado	Boulder	$229	$248
Connecticut	New Haven	$234	$257
Connecticut	Stamford	$145	$125
Connecticut	Bridgeport	$160	$176
Delaware	Bear	$219	$228
Delaware	Wilmington	$219	$238
Florida	Fort Lauderdale	$229	$248
Florida	Miami	$223	$248
Georgia	Atlanta	$138	–
Georgia	Macon	$223	$248
Georgia	Savannah	$223	$248
Hawaii	Honolulu	$229	$248
Hawaii	Kailua	$213	$238
Hawaii	Waialua	$229	$248
Idaho	Boise	$155	$85
Idaho	Idaho Falls	$126	$156

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Iowa	Sioux City	$85	$185
Kansas	Kansas City	$68	–
Kansas	Wichita	$85	$85
Kentucky	Lexington	$100	–
Kentucky	Louisville	$115	$130
Kentucky	Paducah	$116	$190
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	$223	$248
Louisiana	New Orleans	$203	$228
Maine	Portland	$48	–
Maryland	Annapolis	$181	$206
Maryland	Baltimore	$115	$141
Massachusetts	Boston	$167	$185
Massachusetts	Springfield	$203	$228
Michigan	Ann Arbor	$65	$105
Michigan	Grand Rapids	$133	$138
Minnesota	Duluth	$160	$238
Minnesota	Minneapolis	$207	$230
Minnesota	Saint Paul	$63	$115
Mississippi	Gulfport	$30	$70
Mississippi	Jackson	$38	–
Missouri	Kansas City	$68	–
Missouri	Springfield	$203	$228
Missouri	St. Louis	$60	$125
Montana	Bozeman	$95	–
Nebraska	Grand Island	$100	–
Nebraska	Lincoln	$100	$100
Nebraska	Omaha	$105	$120
Nevada	Henderson	$100	–
Nevada	Las Vegas	$175	$175

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New York	Albany	$63	–
North Carolina	Durham	$100	–
North Carolina	Raleigh	$130	$151
North Dakota	Fargo	$148	$170
North Dakota	Williston	$105	–
Ohio	Cincinnati	$94	$150
Ohio	Columbus	$125	$185
Oklahoma	Norman	$203	$228
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	$350	–
Oklahoma	Tulsa	$100	–
Oregon	Portland	$48	–
Oregon	Salem	$263	$300
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	$201	$491
Rhode Island	Newport	$200	$200
South Carolina	Charleston	$126	$151
South Carolina	Columbia	$65	$98
South Carolina	Greenville	$98	$123
South Dakota	Rapid City	$100	–
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	$328	$700
Tennessee	Chattanooga	$76	$100
Tennessee	Knoxville	$93	$112
Tennessee	Nashville	$175	$165
Texas	Austin	$280	$395
Texas	Dallas	$244	$244
Texas	Houston	$68	–
Utah	Provo	$105	–
Vermont	Brattleboro	$150	$188
Vermont	Burlington	$165	$123
Vermont	Websterville	$88	$275

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West Virginia	Parkersburg	$100	–
Wisconsin	Green Bay	$168	$208
Wisconsin	Madison	$213	$300
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	$88	–
Wyoming	Casper	$219	$228
Wyoming	Cheyenne	$203	$228
Wyoming	Gillette	$105	–

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How Many Porta-Potties Do I Need?

9 Factors That Influence the Cost

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1. Location

Your geographic location affects prices, as every area has its own range of rental rates. In a place where things are pricier, you'll likely pay more. In a cheaper area, you'll pay less.

Location also affects transportation and delivery costs. If your venue is far from the rental facility and the company has to drive the porta-potty 15 miles to deliver it, the distance may increase your cost.

2. Availability and Seasonality

When lots of people are all trying to rent porta-

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advance during these times to make sure the rental company will have what you need.

3. Rental Business Type

You can choose from several types of companies for renting a porta-potty. They all charge different rates due to their different business models:

- **Local company** – Personalized customer service and lower prices. However, they might not be able to offer exactly the size or type of porta-potty you need on your schedule.
- **National chain** – Large-scale inventory, scheduling, and customer service capabilities. They can usually answer your every need, though the convenience might cost you more.
- **Broker** – Brokers do not own, deliver, or service portable toilets. They connect rental companies with clients, then take care of booking and scheduling for a fee. This can come with gaps in customer service or responsiveness.

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The two most important factors for figuring out how many porta-potties you need to rent are the **expected crowd size** and the **duration of the event**. Obviously, the more attendees there are, the more units you'll need. But also, the longer guests stay, the more porta-potties you'll need to prevent long lines outside or degraded cleanliness inside the units.

After establishing the base ratio, determine whether food and/or drinks – especially alcohol – will be served at the event site or nearby. These conditions will affect your needs and final price.

5. Features and Add-Ons

Portable restroom amenities vary from basic to I-can't-believe-it's-a-portable. The more luxuries you choose, the higher the price goes. Here are

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meets ADA guidelines to accommodate people in wheelchairs or using other assistive devices

- **Flushing/deluxe** – Flushing toilet and usually a urinal, counter, and sink with running water plus related amenities
- **Restroom trailer** – Contains multiple private stalls and flushing toilets, plus heat or AC, counters, lights, mirrors, sinks with hot and cold water, soap paper towels, etc.

Several features can be added to your contract and stationed in or near portable restrooms to meet users' needs for cleanliness and convenience. These include:

- **Handwashing stations** – Portable sinks with running water, soap, and paper towels
- **Hand sanitizer stations** – Counters or kiosks with either pump-action or hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers
- **Mirrors** – Often added to porta-potty interiors
- **Urinals** – Added to the inside of certain porta-potty models
- **Portable ACs or heaters** – In some extremely hot or cold climates, regulations can require that portable bathrooms on worksites maintain a certain temperature. (This can also be a welcome courtesy for

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reach spaces. Not every company offers every variation of add-ons, so be sure to ask before signing a contract.

6. Logistics, Placement, and Access

Traveling to your location for delivery means time and gas money for rental companies, which affects the price they charge, as does any situation the driver must deal with on the way – detours, tolls, traffic or construction delays, etc.

Once the driver reaches your site, any blockages like locked gates or improperly parked vehicles can cause problems and bring additional fees.

Each portable toilet needs to be placed on an accessible, solid, level, dry surface in a location where a service truck can reach within 40 feet. (It also doesn't hurt to place them in a spot that's convenient for guests, too.)

7. Maintenance Schedule

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If you have a project that spans multiple periods (like a 2-weekend event) or covers a long-term period (like a 3-month construction job), you'll likely need to agree upon a maintenance schedule as part of your contract.

Rental companies clean and sanitize each porta-potty before delivery, which is good to know in a time when disinfection and cleanliness are so important. However, for rentals longer than a single weekend event (unless you're looking to face some very unhappy porta-potty users), a service and maintenance schedule is a must.

During a maintenance visit, service staff remove debris from the unit, scrub and disinfect all the interior surfaces, then pump out and refill the tank. They also restock toilet paper, as well as paper towels and soap or hand sanitizer, if those are included.

Once a week is a standard schedule for rental companies to come to your site and clean a construction porta-potty or restrooms at an extended event. If you're serving food and/or

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Many rental companies take care of permits as part of the contract, but in certain areas, you may need to deal with them yourself. Note that regulations and permit requirements vary for work sites, events on private property, and public facilities.

- **Work site** – A construction or other work site is subject to city, county, health department, and labor department regulations as specified by OSHA and ANSI.
- **Private property** – These can include city, county, and/or zoning requirements, as well as the rules of the property owner or manager.
- **Public park or other facility** – On public land, you must satisfy regulations by the city and/or county, local parks and recreation department, zoning boards, and/or health department.

Ask your rental company what regulations and permits they address vs. what you must take care of on your own.

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The majority of rental cost covers the delivery, placement, and removal of the porta-potty. Another chunk goes to cover supplies, such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, hand sanitizer, blue tank liquid, and deodorizer. These are some other costs that can be involved:

- **Rental deposit** – A deposit is usually required before renting, to protect the company from unexpected cancellations or property damage. Afterward, the company usually refunds the amount or deducts it from your total.
- **Damage waiver fee** – Opting in to the damage waiver (highly recommended) is like buying rental car insurance that protects both you and the company if a unit is damaged.
- **Reservation fee** – You pay to have your unit reserved on the schedule, making sure the company has it available on the days you'll need it.
- **Fuel surcharge** – Mileage for delivery and pickup can be charged as a flat long-distance fee or on a price-per-mile basis.

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frequent cleanings can bring a steeper charge.

- **Premium charge** – Porta-potty deliveries scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday usually trigger a premium charge to cover employee overtime.
- **Expedited delivery charge** – In a situation posing a sudden, urgent need for a porta-potty – for example, in a disaster relief scenario – a rental company will likely charge an extra fee to expedite delivery, often overnight or within two days as possible.
- **Late fees** – If you keep the units longer than originally scheduled, you'll pay an extra amount per day.

Information Needed to Rent a Porta-Potty

Below you'll see the standard information that most rental companies ask for when renting a porta-potty.

1. Renter or company name
2. Billing and delivery addresses
3. Contact number
4. Delivery and pickup dates and time windows
5. Event duration in hours
6. Estimated crowd size for event or staff size for job site
   This info may be accompanied by follow-up questions

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- Whether food or alcohol will be served (Food and drink increase the need for restrooms. And it's a proven fact that alcohol is a diuretic, causing humans to urinate more than with non-alcoholic drinks.)

7. Payment information

Questions to Ask the Porta-Potty Rental Company

There are so many factors to consider when renting a portable restroom. Before agreeing to rent a porta-potty, be sure to get clear answers to these questions:

What's included in the price?

It's smart to ask if there are surprises hiding in your porta-potty rental. Fees can be added individually, even to a base price that already seems high. When getting a price quote, ask what's included, what's optional, and what costs extra.

Ask the agent about the deposit, reservation, and damage waiver charges, as well as fees for extra travel and fuel, weekend or emergency delivery, cleaning service and maintenance, waste-handling

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If you're holding an event in public or servicing a job site, you'll likely be required by the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide handicapped-accessible facilities for guests using a wheelchair or other assistive devices. On most sites, at least one ADA-compliant portable toilet is mandatory for every 10 standard units, and if porta-potties are distributed in multiple locations around the site, there should be at least one ADA unit with every group of restrooms.

However, enforcement of ADA regulations varies with each municipality and state, so ask the rental representative about the specific laws under which they operate, and make sure you understand before signing a contract.

What are the OSHA and ANSI guidelines for construction sites?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the American National Standards Institute each set out their own guidelines for sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities for construction and demolition sites. Under both sets of rules, employers are required to

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prescribing one seated toilet and one urinal for 10 workers per 40-hour shift, and adding a unit for each gain of 10 additional workers (or each additional shift). If portables are serviced more than once per week, the recommended ratio drops to one unit per 15 employees.

OSHA job-site regulations for portable toilets are slightly more relaxed, mandating at least one seated portable toilet for every 15 workers per 40-hour shift, with the number of units rising incrementally with each jump of 20 workers or more. Up to 150 workers will require six portable units, with one unit added for every gain of 40 employees above that number.

Do I need to sign a damage waiver?

Unexpected things sometimes happen to porta-potties. People like to tag them or tip them; some even go further than that. Knowing this, some site managers will erect temporary fencing and barriers or pay a security guard to protect units left overnight.

But many rental companies make this easier, offering the option of signing a damage waiver.

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repair or replacement costs – and that can be shockingly expensive.

What happens if there's a problem during the rental?

Every event planner and site manager knows that sometimes, things just don't go according to plan – and this can include the delivery, placement, maintenance, or removal of porta-potties at your site. These common problems include:

- No event staff showing up to allow the rental crew on-site access for delivery or pickup
- Drivers being blocked by misplaced event equipment or improper staff parking, which prevents their trucks from getting close enough to access units
- Units seeing more traffic than expected, requiring extra or emergency cleanings
- Units being damaged during the rental period, requiring repair or replacement
- Poorly placed units getting stuck in the mud, making them impossible to retrieve without heavy equipment

Although these problems pose an inconvenience to you, fixing them also costs the rental company in terms of staff time, supplies, and logistical

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you suddenly need a portable toilet, request one ASAP. The likelihood of fulfilling an emergency order depends on the availability of inventory and delivery crew, as well as distance. Emergency rates are determined on a case-by-case basis, but expect it to cost considerably more than a booking made in advance.

How much would it cost per day if I need the porta-potty longer than expected?

If you need to keep your unit past the date of your contracted rental period, you'll pay late fees. These usually equal the standard daily rate multiplied by the number of extra days. So, for example, a $75-per-day porta-potty rental could cost you $150 or more for being two days late. It's the safest policy to establish a per-day late fee amount with the rental company before you sign the contract, so you can set aside an adequate amount in your budget, just in case.

Keep in mind that late fees also can crop up if you plan on surrendering the units on time but the rental crew can't drive their truck right up to the units to remove them. For such delays caused by

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If you're worried about the environmental impacts of porta-potty use – from aerosols, butyl, formaldehyde, or glycol – there are a few greener options. Do some research online to find which portable restroom rental companies offer these green features:

- biodegradable and nontoxic disinfectant liquid
- chlorine-free paper products made from recycled materials
- recycling of graywater collected from sinks

Also, solar porta-potties use energy-efficient solar panels to power deluxe restroom amenities like lighting, hands-free flushing and faucets, and ventilation. Not every company offers greener alternatives, but more are emerging every day as consumers increasingly request them.

Tips for Saving Money on Your Porta-Potty Rental

There are plenty of steps you can take to save money on your portable restroom rental. These include the following strategies:

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a huge mess – on your hands. Know who's coming and how many, for how long, what they'll be doing while on-site, and what they'll need to maintain hygiene, safety, and comfort.

Start with a careful estimate of the number of people attending, plus the expected length of your event. Next, if you're offering separate facilities for different genders, consider the percentage of women attending; if you want to prevent long wait times for women's restrooms, you might need to rent more units. Also know whether food or alcohol will be served on-site or nearby, as this increases demand for porta-potties, too.

Finally, decide on the level of luxuries you plan to offer to potential porta-potty users. On a job site or a festival setting, most people will just want to be able to relieve themselves and clean their hands. But for posh events that require people to dress nicely, maintain makeup, or even change clothes, more deluxe facilities are important.

Provide Your Own Supplies

Supplies are a large part of a porta-potty rental budget. Providing your own can save you some

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Then stock a small table at the entrance with mirrors, hand sanitizer, paper towels, lotion, mouthwash or mints, and other upscale restroom amenities.

Shop Around

Different companies operate under different conditions; some charge extra for luxury, durability, or above-and-beyond service. Businesses offer features at different levels, so you'll find variations in price from company to company.

Do your research online and contact as many companies in your area as you can to compare quotes before you make a decision. Keep in mind that attentive and timely service is a huge value in this industry, so search reviews of each company's service record, too.

Ask About Additional Fees and Expenses

A complicated venture like porta-potty rental can trigger unexpected expenses. Refer to the sections above, titled **Fees** and **Questions to Ask the Porta-Potty Rental Company**, for ideas on which costs to expect, select, and budget for. Knowing

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thoroughly with your rental agent, and bring up any better prices you've learned about during your research.

Most companies will honor a competitor's lower price (or you might learn what's missing from a company's policies or inventory that allows them to offer that lower price). Again, consider the important role service plays in the success of a porta-potty rental.

Ask About Discounts

Seniors, veterans, and members of certain organizations often are eligible to receive discounts, but usually companies won't offer unless you ask for them. If you (or the organization you represent) are a member of any budget clubs or other groups that receive discounts, mention them and ask if a discount is applicable.

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